Nomination of non-official members of Municipal Councils.

301. ✻ MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the principle on which non-official gentlemen are nominated to municipal councils;

(*b*) whether there is any minimum qualification fixed for such members; and

(*c*) whether such members are expected to reside within the municipal limits?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The principle kept in view is to give, as far as possible, fair representation to communities unrepresented by the elections.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, I would like to know whether, in the Municipal Council, Kottayam, there is any member who does not know how to read and write?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, Sir.

Official President for the Kottayam Municipal Council.

302. ✻ MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations urging the appointment of an Official President for the Kottayam Municipal Council;

(*b*) if so, the person or persons or body or bodies that made such representation;

(*c*) whether Government have received any representation that the Kottayam Municipality should be superseded; and

(*d*) if so, the person or persons, body or bodies that made such representations?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) No.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

Opening of a canal connecting the Maveli thodu with the Minachil river.

303. ✻ MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Engineering Department have received any representation regarding the urgent necessity for opening a canal connecting the Maveli *thodu* with the Minachil river;

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